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Applicant : James R. Altendahl et al.
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In response to the Office Action dated Dec. 30, 2004, attached please find the following items:

1. Amendments to the claims (pages 2-3); and
2. Remarks (pages 4-11).

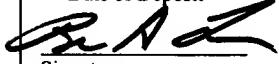
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